THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) to (f) It has been decided that Government owned telecom companies i.e. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) will route their International Long Distance (ILD) calls through Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) for a period of two years after transfer of management control to the strategic partner as a most favoured customer which would be at market rates.

ISD/STD/PCOs IN A.P.

2991. SHRI DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending with his Ministry for allotment of ISD/STD/PCOs in Andhra Pradesh as on date and since when, district-wise;

(b) the details of the PCOs allotted in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to clear all the pending applications for PCOs in the State within a time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The information is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) The details of PCOs allotted in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years are as under:—

Year	STD/ISD PCOs	LOCAL PCOs
1999-2000	11863	5039
2000-2001	14218	10183
2001-2002	7155	13291

(c) The pending applications are planned to be cleared progressively by March, 2003 subject to the applicants fulfilling commercial conditions.

Statement

No. of Applications Pending for Allotment of ISD/STD/ PCOs in Andhra Pradesh as on date

Sl. No.	Name of the District	STD/ISD PCOs		LOCAL PCOs	
		No.of pending STD/ISD PCO applications	Date of oldest pending application	No.of pending Local PCO applications	Date of oldest pending application
1	Ananthapur	44	24.11.02	252	06.07.01
2	Chittoor	163	01.10.02	72	30.09.02
3	Cuddapah	112	04.04.02	258	18.04.02
4	Krishna	2	28.10.02	914	01.06.01
5	West Godavari	15	01.10.02	118	01.10.02
6	Hyderabad	184	01.10.02	1218	01.04.01
7	Rangareddy	95	01.10.02	129	01.04.01
8	Adilabad	0	-	0	-
9	East Godavari	0	-	0	-
10	Guntur	0	-	0	-
11	Karimnagar	0	-	0	-
12	Khammam	0	-	0	-
13	Kurnool	0	-	0	-
14	Mahabubnagar	0	-	29	30.10.02
15	Medak	0	-	0	-
16	Nalgonda	0	-	0	-
17	Nellore	0	-	0	-
18	Nizamabad	0	-	0	-
19	Prakasham	0	-	0	-
20	Srikakulam	0	-	0	-
21	Visakhapatnam	0	-	0	-
22	Vizianagaram	0	-	0	-
23	Warangal	0	-	0	-